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HOG INVENTORY

North Dakota
The December 1 all hogs and pigs inventory, at 169,000 head, increased 12,000 from December 1, 2005. The increase in all hogs and pigs returned total inventory to the 2004 December 1 level. Over the past 10 years, the largest December 1 inventory was 205,000 head in 1998. These estimates are based on a survey conducted around December 1.

The breeding herd totaled 33,000 head, up 2,000 from December 1, 2005. The 2006 annual pig crop totaled 530,000, up 59,000 from last year and the highest pig crop since 1988's crop of 565,000. Average pigs per litter, at 9.55, again set a new record high since recording began in 1924.

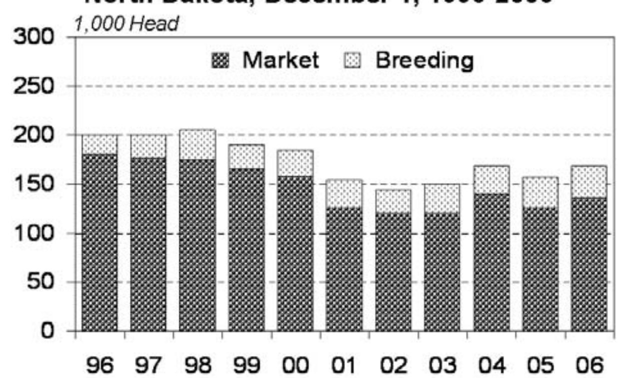
Market hogs totaled 136,000 head up 10,000 from last year. Market inventory by weight group with respective changes from last year are as follows: 58,000 head weighing under 60 pounds, up 16 percent from last year; 36,000 head in the 60-119 pound range, up 20 percent; 22,000 head in the 120-179 pound range, down 4 percent; 20,000 head at or over 180 pounds, down 13 percent.

United States
Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2006 pig crop, at 26.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.13 for the September-November 2006 period, compared to 9.03 last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2006 - February 2007 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2006 and 2005. Intended farrowings for March-May 2007, at 2.93 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory
North Dakota, December 1, 1996-2006



Hogs and Pigs: Inventory, Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop and Pigs Per Litter
North Dakota and United States, December 1, 2005-2006

Item	North Dakota		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*
All Hogs and Pigs	157	169	61,449	62,149
Breeding	31	33	6,011	6,088
Market	126	136	55,438	56,061
Under 60 Pounds	50	58	20,055	20,334
60-119 Pounds	30	36	13,524	13,603
120-179 Pounds	23	22	11,293	11,544
180 Pounds and Over	23	20	10,567	10,580
Sows Farrowing				
Dec-Nov 1/	50.0	55.5	11,535	11,590
Pig Crop				
Dec-Nov 1/	471	530	103,965	105,423
Pigs Per Litter	*Head*	*Head*	*Head*	*Head*
Dec-Nov 1/	9.42	9.55	9.01	9.10

1/ December preceding year.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota
The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in December is 131 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 10 percent from last year and 9 percent above two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 134 percent of the base, is up 19 percent from December 2005 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 122 percent, is down 13 percent from last year. December indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

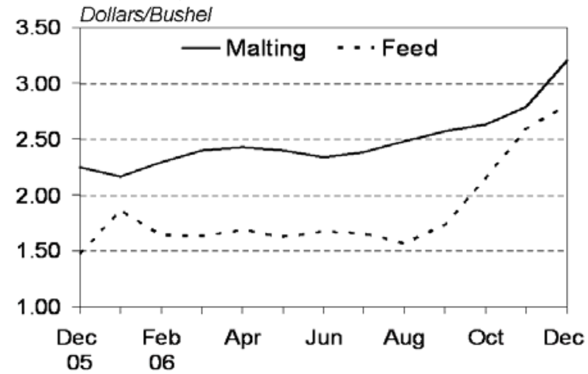
United States
The December All Farm Products Index is 121 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 1 percent from the November index and 5 percent above the December 2005 index. The All Crops Index is 129, up 5 percent from November and 16 percent above December 2005. The Livestock and Products Index, at 113, is 3 percent below last month and down 6 percent from December 2005.

Index Numbers of Farm Prices
North Dakota and United States, December 2006

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Dec 2005	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	Dec 2005	Nov 2006	Dec 2006
Prices Received	*(1990-92 = 100)*					
All Farm Products	119	129	131	115	120	121
Crops	113	131	134	111	123	129
Food Grains	123	156	156	117	152	153
Feed Grains & Hay	98	129	144	90	128	135
Oil Bearing Crops 1/	110	117	115	102	107	110
Potatoes & Dry Beans 2/	113	121	116	114	114	122
Livestock and Products	140	122	122	120	116	113
Meat Animals	146	124	123	121	113	109
Dairy Products	127	122	127	113	106	109
Other Livestock Products 3/	101	100	101	123	133	125
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	143	146	148
Ratio 4/	NA	NA	NA	80	82	82

1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets. 3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

Barley Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota, December 2005-December 2006



Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, December 2006

Item	Unit	North Dakota Entire Month Dec 2005	North Dakota Entire Month Nov 2006	North Dakota Preliminary Dec 2006	United States Entire Month Dec 2005	United States Entire Month Nov 2006	United States Preliminary Dec 2006	Effective U.S. Parity Price Dec 2006
		Dollars	*Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Dollars*
Wheat, All	*Bu*	3.58	4.42	4.53	3.53	4.59	4.59	10.50
Durum	*Bu*	3.32	4.63	4.70	3.37	4.63	4.77	NA
Other Spring	*Bu*	3.67	4.38	4.50	3.68	4.48	4.57	NA
Winter	*Bu*	3.10	4.29	4.35	3.45	4.68	4.58	NA
Corn	*Bu*	1.73	2.42	2.70	1.92	2.87	3.01	7.82
Oats	*Bu*	1.60	1.94	2.05	1.73	2.02	2.06	4.34
Barley, All	*Bu*	2.11	2.71	3.06	2.48	2.92	3.25	7.31
Feed	*Bu*	1.47	2.59	2.80	1.76	2.85	3.14	NA
Malting	*Bu*	2.25	2.79	3.20	2.67	2.97	3.30	NA
Sunflower, All	*Cwt*	12.30	12.40	13.00	12.20	12.50	13.20	33.00
Oil	*Cwt*	11.10	12.00	12.40	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	*Cwt*	17.10	15.00	16.20	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All 1/	*Ton*	51.00	67.00	66.00	92.00	106.00	108.00	NA
Alfalfa 1/	*Ton*	54.00	71.00	69.00	96.90	109.00	112.00	NA
Other 1/	*Ton*	37.00	50.00	49.00	82.10	98.10	99.30	NA
Canola	*Cwt*	9.48	12.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	27.10
Flaxseed	*Bu*	5.81	5.40	5.65	5.81	5.40	5.65	15.60
Soybeans	*Bu*	5.39	5.61	5.70	5.78	6.07	6.14	17.30
Dry Edible Beans, All	*Cwt*	14.70	19.30	19.50	18.10	21.60	21.60	55.20
Navy	*Cwt*	17.90	16.70	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	*Cwt*	14.10	19.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	*Cwt*	7.25	7.00	6.65	6.83	6.67	7.22	16.20
Fresh 2/	*Cwt*	10.30	8.30	NA	9.03	8.29	NA	NA
Processing	*Cwt*	6.30	6.25	NA	5.51	5.68	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	*Cwt*	106.00	88.60	88.60	93.30	84.70	83.70	194.00
Steers & Heifers	*Cwt*	120.00	103.00	100.00	99.60	90.20	89.20	NA
Cows	*Cwt*	50.00	43.00	43.00	47.10	43.40	42.90	NA
Calves	*Cwt*	137.00	112.00	112.00	137.00	118.00	115.00	269.00
Sheep	*Cwt*	47.00	31.00	NA	49.30	30.90	NA	96.10
Lambs	*Cwt*	114.00	105.00	NA	100.00	95.00	NA	234.00
Hogs	*Cwt*	45.10	45.70	NA	44.30	44.80	43.20	118.00

1/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 2/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY & DEMAND ESTIMATES

Wheat: Projected U.S. wheat ending stocks for 2006/07 are raised 20 million bushels this month. Exports are lowered 25 million bushels, reflecting the slow pace of shipments and sales and increased competition from higher world production and supplies. A 5 million bushel increase in food use based on the most recent mill grind data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census partly offsets lowered exports. The price range is lowered 10 cents on the top end of the range to $4.15 to $4.45 per bushel.

Global 2006/07 wheat production is raised to 589 million tons, up 2 million from last month. Increases in Argentina and Canada more than offset a reduction in Brazil. Argentina's production is raised 1 million tons based on early yield reports. Production for Canada is raised 1 million tons based on the most recent estimates from Statistics Canada. Brazil production is lowered 0.3 million tons this month as earlier frost damage curtailed yields for this year's crop.

Global ending stocks for 2006/07 are raised to 121 million tons, up 2 million tons and in line with the rise in world output. Larger ending stocks in Canada and the United States account for most of the increase. Global trade and consumption are both raised slightly, but a small increase in beginning stocks is nearly offsetting. Higher exports by Argentina more than offset the reduction in U.S. exports.

Oilseeds: Total U.S. oilseed production is projected at 97.0 million tons, down fractionally due to a slight reduction in cottonseed. Soybean supply and use projections for 2006/07 are unchanged from last month. Soybean ending stocks for 2006/07 are projected at a record 565 million bushels, up 26 percent from 2005/06. Soybean oil supply, use, and ending stocks for 2006/07 are all raised this month. Despite unchanged soybean crush, soybean oil production is increased due to a higher projected extraction rate.

U.S. season average soybean prices for 2006/07 are projected at $5.70 to $6.50 compared with $5.40 to $6.40 last month. Soybean meal prices are unchanged at $165 to $190 per short ton. Soybean oil prices are projected at 26 to 29 cents per pound compared with 24 to 28 cents last month.

Global oilseed production for 2006/07 is projected at 395.5 million tons, up 3 million tons from last month. Foreign oilseed production accounts for most of the change with increases for soybeans, rapeseed, and sunflowerseed more than offsetting reductions for cottonseed. Argentina soybean production is increased 0.7 million tons to a record 42 million tons based on increased area as producers respond to higher prices. Canadian rapeseed production is raised 0.6 million tons to a record 9.1 million tons, based on the latest survey results from Statistics Canada. Canada's soybean crop is also increased this month based on the survey. Ukraine sunflowerseed production is increased to 5.0 million tons due to higher yields. Other changes include increased soybean production for India, increased cottonseed production for China, reduced cottonseed production for Australia, and increased palm kernel production for Indonesia.

Global oilseed crush is increased this month to reflect higher soybean meal consumption, mainly in Brazil and Vietnam. Additionally, vegetable oil production, consumption, and stocks are increased due to gains in Malaysia and Indonesia palm oil production. Global oilseed stocks are increased 1 million tons as production gains are only partly offset by increased crush.

Source: *WASDE*, WAOB, USDA, December 11, 2006

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

United States
Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in November 2005.

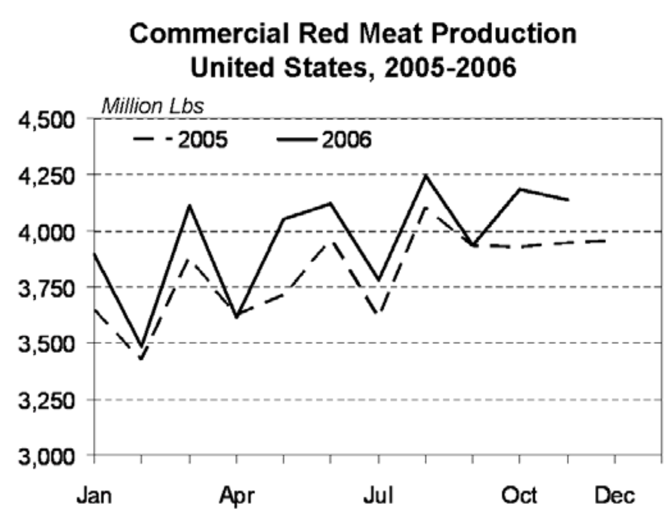
Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, up 6 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.3 million pounds, 15 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,800 head, up 18 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was 14 pounds below last year, at 351 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 3 percent above November 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2006 commercial red meat production was 43.5 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

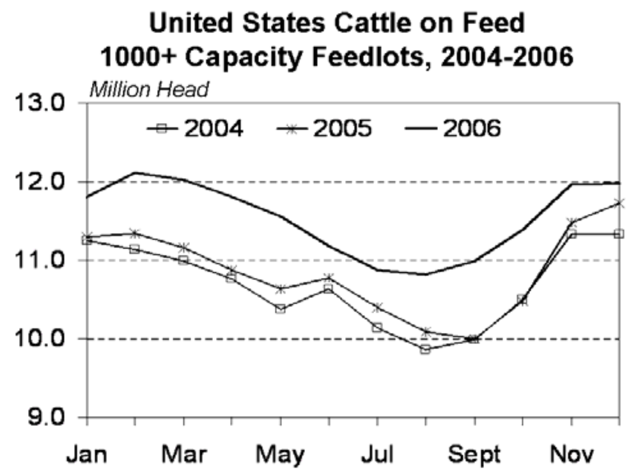


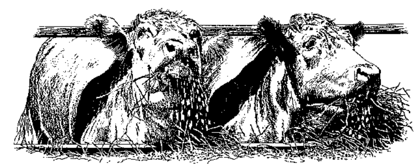
CATTLE ON FEED

United States
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on December 1, 2006. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2005 and 6 percent above December 1, 2004. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.89 million, 8 percent below 2005 but 8 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.81 million. This is the second lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 555,000, 600-699 pounds were 565,000, 700-799 pounds were 404,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 365,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 6 percent above 2005 and 10 percent above 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during November, 9 percent below 2005 and 23 percent below 2004.





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